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- On 3 December 1954 a campaign was started in colleges and industrial establishments (mainly VGB's) in the Leipzig district to recruit volunteers for "honorary service" in the Volkspolizei.
- As the results of this campaign after two weeks were unsatisfactory, a youth meeting, was held on 16 December. This meeting was attended by 1200 - 1400 youths belonging to F.D.J. organizations of the Leipzig area, to the Karl-Marx University and to technical and other higher schools in the district. Paul Frohlich, First Secretary of the District Board of the S.E.D. exhorted those present to enlist for "honorary service" in the V.P. Only 79 new volunteers, including 24 girls, were enrolled. Frohlich, who was clearly dissatisfied with this result, stated at the conclusion of the meeting that the youth of the district did not appreciate the seriousness of the situation.
- The Karl Marx Oberschule, in which there are about 145 pupils between the ages of 17 and 18 in forms 11a, 11b, 12a and 12b, provided only 13 volunteers despite the fact that from an ideological point of view this school is considered "exemplary."

Comment: This campaign is apparently part of a new recruiting drive to obtain volunteers for the V.P. and members for the S.E.D. fighting groups in factories.

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